



THE PARKER POST - May 2016

**THE FRANK C. PARKER JR., & SON
AMERICAN LEGION POST 901**

and

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Officers

Post Commander: Bob Klampfer
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Post Finance Officer: Dave Tomlinson
Post Adjutant: Dave Candelori
Post Chaplain: Austin McGuire

Post Historian: Albert Momme
Post Judge Advocate: J. Robert Wagner
Post Membership: Louis DeVaughn
S.A.L. Squadron Commander: Ryan Candelori
Sergeant Of Arms: Paul Candelori
Newsletter Editor: J. Robert Wagner

Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August at the Jefferson Fire Company; 85 School Lane, Jeffersonville, PA. The Post meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., and the S.A.L. Squadron meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. The meeting hall and parking lot are located at the rear of the building and are handicap accessible. Entrance is through the rear of the Jefferson Fire House.

Post Officers were elected on 13 June 2017 and inducted by Deputy Commander Joe Reimel at the post meeting on 12 September 2017.



Paul Candelori, Louis DeVaughn, Alan R. Karver, Deputy Commander Joe Reimel, Commander Bob Klampfer, Dave Candelori, Dave Tomlinson, Austin McGuire and Bob Wagner

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 2016



For only a \$5.00 entrance fee at the Armory, individuals were provided DJ music, a buffet dinner, an opportunity for their children to see Santa Claus to tell what they wanted for Christmas and a chance for attendees to win cash at multiple raffles.

Photo credit: Alan R. Karver



During the Christmas party the above veterans were honored and presented certificates of recognition for completing training as an Authorized Provider for the Military Funeral Honors Program

Photo credit: Alan R. Karver

WHITE HOUSE HUEY

The Army Huey UH-1B tail number 92-1920 on exhibit at Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum operated by the Delaware Valley Historical Aircraft Association, 1155 Easton Road, Horsham, has a notorious history. On the night of February 17th, 1974 20 year old private first class Preston with 157 hours helicopter flight experience, but having no pilot's certificate, stole a National Guard Bell UH-1B Huey helicopter from Fort Meade's Tipton Field and began a wild ride to and around Washington DC. He landed on the White House lawn, took off, flew around, and again landed back on the White House South Lawn. Multiple shotgun and automatic weapon shots were fired by secret service personnel at the helicopter with minimal damage being inflicted to the helicopter. Private Preston was wounded slightly in the foot by shotgun pellets and taken into captivity. Upon being Court Martialed, he served time and was given a General Discharge. The helicopter was transferred to Willow Grove Army Reserves to be used for training and was later turned over to the Willow Grove Joint Base Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum operated by the Delaware Valley Historical Aircraft Association where it is now on exhibit.

Reference: Wild Ride, Air & Space,

WWII AIRCRAFT KILL RATION

F4U Corsair Pilots: 11 to 1
F6F Hellcat Pilots: 19 to 1

Reference: The Hook, p29, Spring



Mike Candelori representing the Sons of the American Legion, receiving the ribbon award for 2016 100% Squadron Membership Achievement from Deputy Commander Joe Reimel.



HELP!

We need additional support. Our treasury account is running low and some donations would help us with things that we do, such as school awards, Keystone State program for school kids and many other good causes. If you can spare \$5.00 or \$10.00, please send an income tax deductible donation to:

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15 APRIL 2017 EASTER EGG HUNT AT JEFFERSON FIRE HOUSE

Photo credit: Alan Karver



Jelly bean jar guessing contest



Dave Tomlinson, Austin McGuire, Commander Bob Klampfer, Bob Wagner and Louis DeVaughn



Face painting



ANNUAL LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

The annual West Norriton Little League parade was held on 22 April 2017 from the school across from the anchor memorial to the ball field on Burnside Avenue. While a damp day, the major part of the rain held off until after the ball field ceremonies. None of the Legion members marched this year, but instead rode in our decorated vehicles. It appears that age is starting to show up on our members.

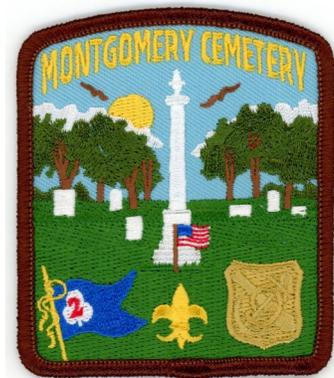


Austin McGuire, Commander Bob Klampfer, Paul Candelori and Louis DeVaughn. Bob Wagner is not shown.



AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

A flag retirement ceremony was held at Montgomery Cemetery on the evening of 22 April 2017 with both boy and girl scouts from the Philadelphia, Norristown and Schwenksville area who camped out on Friday and Saturday evenings. Commander Bob Clamper, Austin McGuire and Bob Wagner were present from the Post and Chaplain Austin McGuire gave the opening ceremonial prayer. Fire company members supervised and assisted in the burning of flags. The scouts lined up and took their turns throwing the worn flags into the fire and giving the flags a lasting farewell salute. Each scout was then presented a Flag Burning patch and a Montgomery County Cemetery embroidered patch. During daytime hours, the scouts spent their time cutting down brush and cleaning up the cemetery.



POLICE & ARMED SERVICES MEMORIAL

The Montgomery County Police Officers Memorial Ceremony was held on 5 May, 2017 at the Norristown Court House. Because of the rainy weather the ceremony was not held at the memorial situated on Main Street, but rather inside the court house in Court Room A. The ceremony is dedicated to the police officers in Montgomery County who lost their lives in the line of duty and the Armed Services. The colors were posted, national anthem sung and many speakers gave their testimonials for fallen police and Armed Service personnel. Flowers were laid at the wreaths by police representing townships in Montgomery County for police officers who were killed in the line of duty. A bell was tolled as each of the 28 fallen police officer's name was called out. Austin McGuire and Bob Wagner had the honor of presenting the flowers for deceased service personnel.



Photo credit Alan Karver



AMERICAN FLAG PLACEMENT



On 18 May members of the Post shown, placed flags on Veterans graves on 4 different cemeteries. Fortunately we had a sunny day and a good turnout of Post members, so the Task of placing the flags went very well. After each flag is placed a salute is given to honor the deceased veteran.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY HONOR GUARD AT EINSTEIN HOSPITAL

A dedication ceremony was held at Einstein Hospital where pillows were handed out to the veterans for Memorial Day. The pillows were similar to the small pillows that are used after surgery and hugged to ease pain when there is a need to cough.



AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS



Each year our Post presents scholastic awards to students at numerous schools. Joe Patti has the responsibility of contacting representatives at the various schools for the purpose of receiving recommendations for which students should receive the awards. At the Upper Merion High School our Post has a Memorial plaque near the entrance to the auditorium which has a sculptured bust of Parker's son. He was a 1957 graduate of the High School who was killed in action during the Vietnam War and now is part of our Post's namesake. In recognition of this, we present a \$100 check to one boy and one girl at the school each year. At other schools as listed below, we present a \$40 and \$20 check along with their document, to each 1st and 2nd place scholastic awards recipient respectively.

Date	School	Legion Award \$100	Legion Award \$100
9-Jun-17	Upper Merion High School	Dylan Tarbutton	Reya Choksi
Date	School	1 st Place Winner \$40	2 nd Place Winner \$20
13-Jun-17	Upper Merion Middle School	Isabella DiSanto	Michelle Lee
12-Jun-17	Arcola Intermediate School	Hayley Drake	Kathryn Zacckey
15-Jun-17	The Pathway School'	John A. Madison	None
7-Jun-17	Mother of Teresa Catholic School	Meghan McCann	Jonathan Mai
13-Jun-17	Visitation BVM School	Sarah Opielski	Cooper Snyder



JROTC Cadet Tariq Sabir being awarded the Military Excellence award by Lou Vaughn



JROTC Cadet Axell Bailon being awarded the Scholastic Excellence award by Lou Vaughn

Lou Vaughn presented Scholastic and Military awards to Norristown High School JROTC members on 23 May 2017 at the dinner held at the Elmwood Park Zoo.

Additional attendees included Bill Keyes, Austin McGuire, Dave Tomlinson and Lynn Werley from and individuals from other veteran's organizations. In addition Bill Keyes was presented an award for his outstanding service

NOTICE! To keep informed about the Frank C Parker, Jr. & Son Post visit our web site at alpost901.org. The web site is maintained by Austin McGuire and provides information on the calendar of events, urgent notices and past newsletters. If you have not already done so, please email Austin McGuire at chaplain_austin@yahoo.com and provide him with your email address so that we can contact you about urgent notices such as possible changes in scheduling or cancelation of important events or other information concerning Post activities.

TAPS



Fred E. Lobb 1930-2017: Our good American Legion friend Fred Lobb died 23 February 2017. Fred graduated Norristown High school in 1948 where he was the Class President. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 until 1952. While aboard the USS Midway CV-41 he was the “Shooter” who pressed the hot button to catapult aircraft off of the carrier.

Fred’s Memorial service was held at Lower Providence Presbyterian Church. Austin McGuire, Jack Darrohn and Bob Wagner had the honor of standing guard by the casket at the church ceremony on 4 March 2017.

Joseph M. Zahuranec 1929-2017: On Saturday, 8 April 2017, Joe Zahuranec was called home to the Father. He had 17 years with our post. Funeral service was held at Boyd-Horrox-Givnish on 18 April followed by Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Commander Bob Klampfer, Paul Candelori, Jack Darrohn, Alan Karver, Dave Tomlinson and Bob Wagner had the honor of standing guard by the casket.



Richard N. Wolfrom 1930-2017: Richard served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. His viewing was held at the Moore, Snear & Ruggiero Funeral Home on 9 June 2017 with Paul Candelori, Joe Capacarra, Louis DeVaughn, Austin McGuire, Dave Tomlinson, and Bob Wagner taking turns to stand guard by the casket.

Edward Albert: 1944-2017, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Alfred Ermond Santoro III 1947-2017, 23 August. 2017, US Army CW-4 fixed wing pilot, Paul Candelori, Jack Darrohn, Austin McGuire and Bob Wagner served as Casket Honor Guard at 23 August funeral service.

URGENT! We need more members to participate in our Casket Honor Guard. Call Chaplain McGuire at (610)-316-5383. If you have an American Legion Uniform, you can participate.

May 27th West Norriton Anchor Memorial Day Service

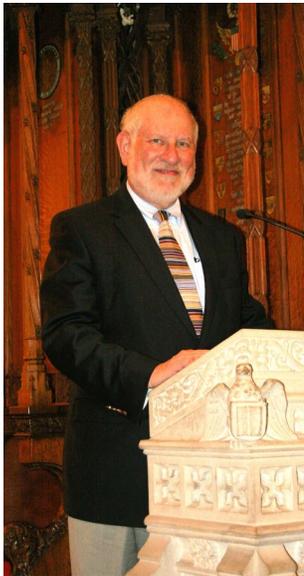


MEMORIAL DAY at the Jefferson Firehouse Veterans Memorial



MEMORIAL DAY at Valley Forge 28 May 2017

As usual, Post 901 acted as the Color Guard and presented the colors at the Valley Forge ceremony honoring the World War II 314th Infantry 79th Division with Dave Candelori, Paul Candelori, Alan Karver, Joe Patti, Dave Tomlinson, and Bob Wagner participating. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by the National Anthem. Gene Fax was the speaker and taps were played by Aidan Peterson. After the ceremony, the Descendants and Friends of the 314th served refreshments. The cabin which once stood at Valley Forge for numerous years, has been disassembled and sent to Fort Meade and is expected to be reassembled and dedicated next year.



Speaker Gene Fax



314th Cabin as it originally stood at Valley Forge



Taps by Aidan Peterson

WORN AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT 14 JUNE 2017



A prayer by Chaplain Austin

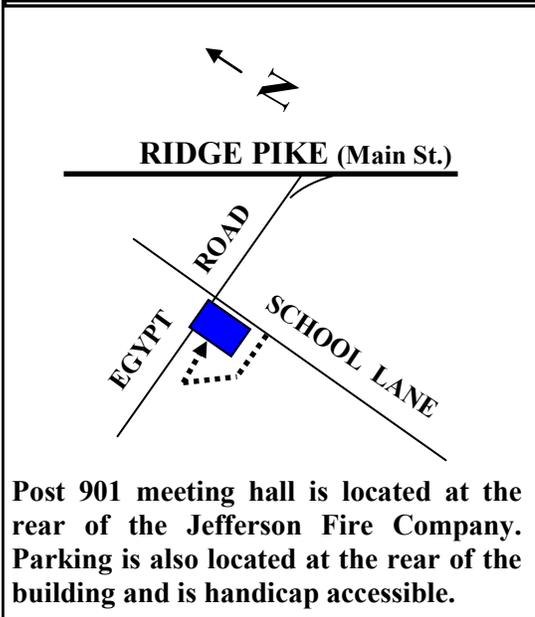




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 SHOWN ABOVE OR COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING.**

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) (Phone)

(Mailing Address) (Date)

(City) (State) (Zip) (Post #)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below (Dues)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Govt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946	
<input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41-8/15/45 (only eligibility)	

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant Name of recruiter

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